



Replacement name for the genus *Maublancia* Bellamy, 1998 (Coleoptera, Buprestidae, Agrilinae), junior homonym of *Maublancia* Lepesme & Breuning, 1956

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In 1947, Théry described a genus of buprestid beetle from Angola, naming it *Maublancia* Théry, 1947. He included two species in this genus; *M. auberti* Théry, 1947 and *M. testui* Théry, 1947. He did not, however, nominate a type species. Under Article 13.3 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (1999) this name is not available.

In 1956, Lepesme & Breuning described a genus of cerambycid beetle from west Africa (Gabon, Cameroon, Ivory Coast & Belgian Congo, now the Democratic Republic of Congo, the type specimen of the type species being from Tchibanga, Gabon), giving it the name *Maublancia* Lepesme & Breuning, 1956. This genus originally contained three species and a type species (*Maublancia maublanci* Lepesme & Breuning, 1956) was nominated, by original designation.

In 1988, Bellamy corrected Théry's omission, creating *Maublancia* Bellamy, 1988, with the type species *Maublancia testui* Théry, 1947. Although available, this genus is invalid, being a junior homonym of *Maublancia* Lepesme & Breuning, 1956.

Therefore *Maublancius* **nomen novum** is proposed here as a replacement name for *Maublancia* Bellamy, 1988, preoccupied by *Maublancia* Lepesme & Breuning, 1956 (Coleoptera). The name is chosen as the masculine form of the name originally proposed by Théry for this genus. This genus contains two species: *Maublancius auberti* (Théry, 1947) **comb. nov.** and *Maublancius testui* (Théry, 1947) **comb. nov.**. The type species, in accordance with Art. 67.8 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, is *Maublancia testui* Théry, 1947.

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